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**For:** USER AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS  
WHICH USES BIOMETRICS AND USER  
AUTHENTICATION METHOD FOR USE WITH  
USER AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.111 that the above-identified Application be amended as follows and that the Application be reconsidered in view of the following.

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